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C O N F I D E N T I A L SEOUL 7365

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, KS

SUBJECT: KIM TAE-CHUNG CASE

REF: SEOUL 7292

1. AS NOTED REFTTEL, KOREAN PRESS IS NO LONGER REPORTING KIM TAE-

CHUNG'S PERSONAL ACTIVITIES. WE UNDERSTAND FROM AMERICAN NEWSMAN THAT IN PAST DAYS KIM HAS STAYED AT HOME, RECEIVING VISITORS AND FOREIGN NEWSMEN.

2. IN HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH AMERICAN NEWSMEN, KIM CONTINUES TO BE EXTREMELY FRANK IN HIS POLITICAL CRITICISMS AND EXPLICIT IN EXPRESSING HIS DESIRE TO LEAVE SOON TO TAKE UP HIS HARVARD GRANT. AT THIS POINT WE HAVE NO INFORMATION THAT KIM HAS FORMALLY APPLIED FOR A PASSPORT. HOWEVER, ON OCT 31 HE TOLD ONE AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT THAT HE HAS "CONVEYED" TO THE PROPER AUTHORITIES HIS DESIRE TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY AND TAKE UP HIS HARVARD GRANT. (TONGA ILBO TODAY HAD SMALL ARTICLE ALONG SAME LINES.)

3. WHILE AT HOME KIM HAS NOT BEEN UNDER VISIBLE POLICE SURVEILLANCE. NEWS CORRESPONDENTS AND OTHERS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO VISIT WITHOUT HINDRANCE. ACCORDING TO OBSERVERS, THERE IS A CONTINUING
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TRICKLE OF VISITORS COMING AND GOING.

4. COMMENT: KIM CONTINUES TO TRY TO USE FOREIGN PRESS AS LEVER
TO GET EARLY GOVERNMENT APPROVAL FOR HIS DEPARTURE FROM KOREA.
SO FAR, GOVERNMENT REMAINS FIRM IN ITS DETERMINATION THAT KIM
WILL NOT LEAVE COUNTRY NOW.
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